IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Hideki UMEYAMA, et al.

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FOR: A MODEL FOR TRAINING OF SURGICAL OPERATION OF CATARACT

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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 4 in its entirety and without prejudice and enter the following new claims:

- --6. (New) The model for surgical operation for an eye with cataract in accordance with claim 1, wherein the self hardening type chemicals comprise a composition mainly comprising dibenzylidenesorbitol.
- 7. (New) The model for surgical operation for an eye with cataract in accordance with claim 2, wherein the self hardening type chemicals comprise a composition mainly comprising

dibenzylidenesorbitol.

8. (New) The model for surgical operation for an eye with cataract in accordance with claim 3, wherein the self hardening type chemicals comprise a composition mainly comprising dibenzylidenesorbitol.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claim 4 has been cancelled to eliminate the multiple dependency and new claims 6-8 have been added. Accordingly claims 1-3 and 5-8 are pending in this application.

Claims 6-8 correspond to original claim 4 rewritten in single dependent form.

No new matter has been added and applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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